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LETTER DATED 12 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I

1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 7/8 August 1991 amounted to 30 sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and 1 four-aircraft formation at speeds of 720 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 3,500 to 7,500 metres.

2. The flights were centred over Dohuk, Erbil, Rawanduz, Amadiyah, Mosul and Shaqlawah for the purposes of observation and provocation.

3. One of the two-aircraft formations, flying at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,000 metres and at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour, flew south of the 36th parallel over an area 30 kilometres north of Kirkuk.

II

1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 8/9 August 1991 amounted to 33 sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and seven single aircraft at speeds ranging from 720 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 20,000 metres.

2. The flights were centred over Dohuk, Erbil, Mosul, Shaqlawah and Rawanduz for the purposes of observation and provocation.

III

1. United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 9/10 August 1991 amounted to 17 sorties flown by 8 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 4,500 to 7,000 metres.

2. The flights were centred over Mosul, Erbil and Dohuk.

IV

1. United States aircraft continued to violate our airspace from the direction of the Iraqi-Turkish frontier on 10/11 August 1991 for the purposes of observation and provocation. In all, 25 sorties were flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft.

2. Their speeds ranged from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and their altitudes from 2,500 to 6,000 metres. The flights were centred over Mosul, Erbil, Amadiyah, Zakho and Dohuk.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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